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California DAHLIAS

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ADVANCE DAHLIA FARM
Box 1398, Compton
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA



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161st STREET, EAST GARDENA
BOX 1398, COMPTON, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
CHARLES EDWARD SEAMAN, Owner. A. G. GOODACRE, Mgr.

The World's Finest Dahlia Creations

Introducers and Originators of Many of the Finest California Varieties

We also produce

HIGH GRADE DAHLIA SEED



Awarded Silver Cups and Medals at Los Angeles and other Dahlia Shows

Awarded American Dahlia Society's Certificate of Merit at

Trial Gardens at Storrs, Conn., and Maryland

FIELD GROWN TUBERS

Our shipping tubers are the finest possible to produce, true to name and free from disease. They have not been over stimulated.

Our 1925 Show Record



SANTA MONICA, SEPT. 16-18

We were awarded five Silver Cups as follows:

1st Cactus; 1st Pom Pons; 1st Show; 1st Best Established Seedling on "The Title Hunter"; 1st Best single bloom on "El Granada"; 2nd Decorative; 2nd Peony; 2nd Collarettes.

LOS ANGELES, SEPT. 24—26

1st Cactus; 1st Hybrid Cactus; 1st Peony; 1st Show; 1st and Silver Cup donated by Mrs. Stout, Short Hills, N. J., on Seedling of English Type Cactus, this on our purple "Perplexity"; also 2nd on Collarettes.

MONTEBELLO, OCT. 1—3

1st Cactus; 1st Show; 1st Collarettes; 1st six varieties, six blooms each; 2nd Decoratives; 2nd Pom Pons; 2nd Best General Display.

COMPTON, OCT. 16-17

1st Most Artistic Display; 1st Largest Collection; 1st Best six blooms, six varieties; 1st Best single bloom on "El Granada"; 1st largest bloom on Faith Garibaldi; 2nd on Seedling.

PASADENA HORTICULTURAL SHOW, OCT. 22—24

Second on Display. Awarded Certificate of Merit.

Our 1924 Show Record at Los Angeles

(Our Only Exhibit That Season)

1st Cactus; 1st Peony; 1st Hybrid Cactus; 1st Show; 1st Collarettes; 1st Best Bloom and 1st Largest Bloom on the same flower "Siskiyou".

Three Silver Cups and other Prizes and the following Medals:

Awarded Gold Medal donated by The Dahlia Society of California on the Best Dahlia shown with stem.

Awarded Bronze Medal donated by the American Dahlia Society on Largest Dahlia in show.

Awarded Gold Medal donated by The American Dahlia Society on Most Meritorious Exhibit.

"Siskiyou" won for us two Blue Ribbons, one for the Largest Dahlia in the 1924 Los Angeles Show, official measurement twelve and three-quarters inches, and the other for Best Dahlia shown with stem.

This was in no sense a "forced bloom," in fact the plant had three more large blooms on it the following week. Undoubtedly Mr. Broomall has created in "Siskiyou" the naturally largest dahlia in cultivation, ten inch blooms being quite usual with it.

DAHLIA CULTURE

The dahlia is a plant easily grown. It will adapt itself to almost any kind of soil, the essentials being deep cultivation, good drainage, a liberal supply of humus, good circulation of air and plenty of sunshine and moisture.

On our clay loam soil, we can grow splendid flowers without any additional fertilizer as a stimulant.

We plant dahlias in three ways: A tuber or section of a clump is laid flat on the ground some four to six inches below ground level according to soil conditions, which is the usual way of growing them. These tubers can be sent to the other side of the world without damage.

Secondly, we have plants from green cuttings, taken off the clumps as small shoots and propagated in sand boxes. These are potted, and when strong plants, put out in garden or field rows.

The third method is the raising of seedlings from carefully selected seed, which is the method of creating new varieties. Seed do not reproduce the variety from which they are taken.

THE FOLLOWING CULTURAL DIRECTIONS ARE GIVEN IN A CIRCULAR ISSUED BY THE DAHLIA SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

"Dahlias are exceedingly easy to grow, but require an open sunny location for best results. If grown in the shade, they will produce tall, slender plants with few blooms and of poor quality. They do well in any kind of soil, but prefer a rich sandy loam. To produce the finest plants, soil should be prepared several weeks, or months before planting time, by spading in well rotted manure, or other fertilizer.

After all danger of frost is past, again spade up the ground as deep as possible. Have on hand sufficient stakes $1 \times 1 \frac{1}{2}$ inches by five feet in length for your needs and drive at least 18 inches in the ground, three to four feet apart each way. Next, dig a hole at each stake from three to six inches deep, according to the nature of the soil (deeper for light soils and shallower for heavy soils). Place the tubers about two inches from the stake in a horizontal position with the eye up and nearest the stake and cover lightly with soil. Never stand the tuber on end. Another method used by some growers is to dig the hole about a foot deep, cover the tuber about three inches and as the sprout grows, gradually fill up the hole. Experience will teach you which method is preferred. Both have their advantages."

This complete circular will be enclosed with shipment if desired by customer.

Mabel Goodacre



A two year old seedling from our Advance XXX seed. One of the most admired flowers in our garden.

(No stock for sale)

Our Advance Dahlia Farm New Introductions for 1926

Penitent Pat. (Goodacre). This decorative has figured prominently in our prize Displays the past season. It is an artistic flower, averaging seven inches across with twisted petals, in color not unlike its parent Patrick O'Mara, a flesh buff, shading to yellow, a wonderfully upright grower, towering well above the foliage. Visitors seem delighted with it. It has proved with us a splendid keeping flower. Price per tuber...........\$3.00

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- Dr. Rufus Von Kleinsmid. (Goodacre). Here we have a splendid large crimson cactus on perfectly stiff, strong stems, a wonderful robust grower. We are highly pleased to be able to name this great flower after so illustrious a man as this great Educator of our Great Southwest. The color and growth are all that could be desired; the type is medium, more like Guardian. It is an English Cactus seedling. Price per tuber........\$3.00
- Perplexity. (Goodacre). A true incurved English Cactus, winner of Silver Cup offered by Mrs. Stout, Short Hills, N. J. at Los Angeles Show. In color crimson purple, a tremendous bloomer. The stems throw the bloom well out where you can see the full flower, an English Cactus seedling. We have a large stock on hand and make the price very low. Price per tuber.
- Queen of Shows. (Goodacre). A beautiful lilac hybrid show dahlia, very similar to its parent King of Shows, differing only in color which shades from a true mauve to lilac. Price per tuber.......\$3.00
- Opportunity. (Goodacre). Another hybrid show from King of Shows, of similar type in a coloring of buff and gold. Price per tuber..........\$3.00 Dahlias marked * are varieties originated in California.

DECORATIVE DAHLIAS

*Alex. Waldie. A large flower of creamy ground color, overlaid with pale salmon pink
*Al Koran. A fine large golden yellow, petals slightly waved. A tall strong grower with the best of habit
*Amun Ra. D. This is Mrs. Seals' sensational prize-winning Sun God of Egypt, a very strong grower, producing immense burnished copper blooms. We are fortunate in having some nice field-grown stock of this wonderful new Californian that is now in such great demand
*Augusta R. Johnson. A large golden apricot, strong upright grower, flowers of good substance
*Barranca. A large medium yellow, with good depth, a strong grower, and good as a cut flower
Bertha Jost. A strong heavy foliage variety, good bloomer, the flowers are large, yellow shading to pink, overlaid with burnt orange
*Bonnie Brae. A very large flower, pale yellow shaded with pink\$1.00
*California Superba. A large well formed flower of a rather pale pink, shading to white at center, a prize winner and in good demand
Catherine Wilcox. A large flower in white tipped with pink\$1.00
*Champagne. An enormous exhibition flower in a new coloring of golden buff and bronze, a strong grower with perfect stem

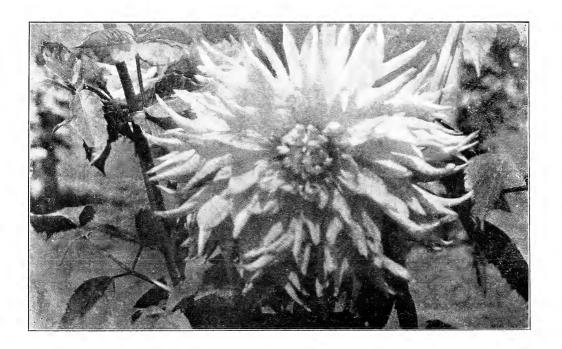
Charm. This is a Marean variety, color burnt orange and yellow\$3.00
*Cigarette. With us a perfect decorative, base of petals orange red with white tips, being a fancy colored variety. Some flowers come red on some bushes. We have a large stock carefully segregated, a wonderfully striking and popular dahlia in our gardens
*Dr. Tevis. A famous California prize winner, a large flower on perfect stem, in color old gold and rose
Duchesse De Vendome. An imported French decorative of medium size, pure white and a splendid keeper
*Eastwego. A very substantial flower on an extra stiff stem, the color being a rich old gold, petals curve back to stem. A big strong grower with excellent foliage, something new
*El Dorado. A large exhibition flower of old gold on very strong stems. Our stock is very limited
Emily Renwick. A bright rosy decorative from the east, a profuse bloomer, flowers of medium size on good stems
*Equilibrium. A rich rosy maroon on splendid stem
Eventide. A strong growing variety, in color white shaded with pale pink, stems straight, a good bloomer
*Frances Seaman. This is a large silver pink creation of Mr. Bloomall's and named after Mr. Seaman's daughter. A large deep bloom in quite an attractive color and should do well in the east
*Gladys Meyer. A good yellow medium sized flower, upright grower with very stiff stems, a fine cut flower variety
*Golden Gardena. Our new introduction last season. Prof. Norton writes that it did splendidly with them at Trial Grounds, Md. and scored 86 points Commercial. A very upright grower, long stiff stems, carrying the large blooms well above the foliage, in color a glorious golden orange \$5.00
*Goodbye Delice. A true pink in medium sized flower, good stem and keeping qualities
*Halloween. A new variety of good size and a strong grower, color buff shaded with orange and bronze, stem perfect, an improvement on King of the Autumn
*Halvella. A beautiful large salmon rose flower, strong grower, a good dahlia in every way, very much in demand
Harvest Moon. A large globular true bright yellow with good stem
Hortulanus Fiet. A Holland decorative taking on peony form later on in season, salmon pink and cream, splendid stem and keeping qualities. \$1.00
Insulinde. An imported hybrid Holland decorative in great demand, a rich golden yellow with bronze shading, perfect stem and beautiful formation. \$1.00
Isabel Street. A new eastern variety in a yellow overlaid with carmine. A tall grower, flowers medium sized, well formed. We like it
Judge Marean. A bright yellow flower of strong formation powdered over with carmine red

*J. W. Davies. A fine bright purplish rose, profuse bloomer\$2.50
*Kittie Dunlap. A wonderfully popular variety, bright old rose, stems long
and straight, can be grown to enormous size\$2.50
*La Mascotte. A large decorative, quite conspicuous on account of the con-
trasting colors of white and pale purple. A strong grower and good bloom-
er with perfect stems\$1.50
*Laddie. A very fine flower, of large size and good depth, a bright yellow
overlaid with rose, a stout low grower
Lady Betty. A large full creamy white flower shaded with pink, one of the
new Marean dahlias \$1.00
Le Grand Manitou. This popular French decorative is a fancy colored flower
with a lilac ground color splashed with purple
Le Toreador. A large crimson red Marean dahlia, excellent bloomer with
good stem, a first-class variety\$1.50
*Liberty Bond. A high class dahlia, strong grower, foliage good, flower large.
The color is buff, yellow, and tinted with pink. We have a splendid
stock of it
Marcella Gill. A soft pink with light tips, excellent as a cut flower50c
*May Blumer. Somewhat similar to Frances Seaman in character and growth,
has with us produced very large and deep blooms. The color is a lilac
pink, a very attractive flower\$5.00
Mephistopheles. A large Marean ruby red variety with light tips to petals.
Quite in demand\$1.50
*Millie Rodgers. A splendid long stem variety in golden buff, heavily shaded
with dark amber
Millionaire. Considered the largest dahlia grown, a formal shaped lavender.
50c
*Miss Worn. Something new to take the place of Futurity, yellow, old rose,
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Nazareno. One of the best varieties we have received from Mr. Jost. It is
a very large decorative, a robust grower on splendid stem, in color a lilac
purple, and has been greatly admired by visitors the past summer. It has
done as well as any dahlia we ever received from eastern growers\$5.00
*Northwego. A tall grower with large blooms on perfectly stiff stems, in
color soft golden apricot shaded with pale rose. A well formed striking
flower, a very robust grower\$5.00
*Old Rose. More of a decorative show, a cut flower variety, in a very pretty
coloring of old rose shaded with heliotrope
*Osam Shudow. A most sensational dahlia where it can be grown, a very
large flower slow to open out, a beautiful old rose shaded with golden
yellow. It needs plenty of sun\$2.50
*Paul Michael. A large pure old gold, a prize winner\$1.50
*Pink Madonna. A long stem cut flower dahlia, bright pink shading lighter,
better than Queen Mary
*Pink Triumphant. A wonderful new cut flower dahlia in a clear pink, excel-
lent every way\$3.50
*Pride of San Francisco. A beautiful rose salmon, flower held upright on
stiff stem. Only limited stock\$2.50
*Prince Imperial. A large royal purple flower, an improvement on the old
Holland variety King Albert\$1.00
Princess Mary. Pink shaded slightly with yellow, a popular cut flower variety
on stiff stem
*Princess Pat. A splendid long stem flower in rose shaded with buff and
amber, very popular
Purple Manitou. A purple form of the French variety50c
*Rookwood. A very popular California variety in an unusual color, a bright
cerise rose, a large flower and good bloomer\$4.00
*Rosa Nell. This variety always attracts attention, grows an enormous bloom
on long stem, color is vivid sparkling rose
*Royal Gold. This is a fine cut flower dahlia of medium size, in color an even
shade of bright golden yellow
Scottish Chief. An old popular imported variety in golden amber tipped with
white, a very strong upright grower
Shelikoff. A good flower, has size and depth, a dark rich reddish maroon
with plenty of brilliance, not a tall grower\$1.00
*Shudow's Lavender. A very hard dahlia to surpass, when well grown, a rich
lavender, in the hot weather shaded with white, can be grown to immense
size, a great prize winner, very strong grower with perfect stem\$3.00
*Snowdrift. We grow several white dahlias from various continents, but this
large white decorative surpasses all. It has great substance and keeping
qualities, luxuriant dark green foliage and is rather a dwarf grower. It is
one of the most profuse bloomers of large flowers we have yet seen, often
three on one stem. We cannot recommend it too highly
Sulphurea. This English variety always popular as a cut flower, has good
keeping qualities, a tall upright grower in sulphur yellow
*Sun Maid. This new Californian gave us some beautiful blooms the past
season, the blooms are large and compact, very deep, the coloring is a
blending of gold and red somewhat resembling Mrs E. L. Lindsay\$10.00
*Sunshine. A very brilliant red edged with gold, strong upright grower75c
*T. A. Leonard. A wonderfully brilliant rich cerise rose that immediately
arrests attention through its uncommon coloring, a large flower on per-
fect stem, one we highly recommend
*Tryphinnie. This variety somewhat resembling a water lily, is pale yellow
and pink, a large flower on a very strong stem
Venus. A large pale lavender white Marean variety
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*Vivian Butler. A splendid dark bright rich maroon, a strong grower, quite one of the best in color
*Westwego. A large compact flower, darker in color than Northwego which it somewhat resembles, quite a profuse bloomer, classed as fawn and rose by originator, perfectly straight stems
*W. E. Cooper. Probably our best true pink decorative, a good grower, has good stem and keeping qualities, a large flower of perfect color\$2.50
*Wizard of Cz. A very large glowing salmon pink carried on stout stems, quite a sensational flower, stock limited
*Ysleta. This dahlia unique in color, being a rich copper rose, grows large blooms on good stems, a strong grower

HYBRID CACTUS DAHLIAS



Sunny South

*Bertha Horne. A dwarf grower, flower large on strong stem, color yellow and bronze, petals fairly narrow
*California Beauty. In American Cactus class, a tall grower with perfect stem, flowers of medium size with splendid keeping qualities, darker in color than Golden West, a very beautiful flower in a copper and rich amber yellow, the tips of petals light
C. B. Githens. This variety from New Jersey has proven with us a profuse bloomer. The color is a true yellow without shading. It is fairly narrow in petal for a hybrid cactus, has excellent stems with flowers five to seven inches across
*Daddy Butler. An extremely beautiful flower of rosy carmine coloring, the petals twisted showing a lighter reverse, an erect grower, foliage rather scant, stem of the best
*Dardanella. A large tawny scarlet flower on long stems
*El Granada. We are indeed glad to be able to offer this wonderful Bessie Boston creation to our patrons, because it is one of the greatest dahlias yet produced anywhere. The past season it has twice won for us "Best bloom in show". The formation is wonderful, all that could be desired in a hybrid cactus, the color dazzling, orange red and gold. It is carried well above the foliage on long stems, and its keeping qualities at the shows has been good
*El Rubio. A very beautiful flower, rather globular, crimson with light tips to petals
*Elsie Oliver. A well formed large flower, creamy pink, a good grower and quite popular
*Evelyn M. Dane. A very sturdy grower with exceptionally stout stem, a large beautifully formed flower of pale pink shading to cream white in center, has good depth to bloom, a fine dahlia
possibly excepting Golden West, a splendid strong grower, the flower very large of salmon pink
*Gladys Bates. American cactus, a splendid flower and profuse bloomer, stem erect, the color is a shade of tan and rose\$1.00
*Gladys Sherwood. An immense star shaped white with luxuriant dark green foliage, a noted prize winner
*Golden West. American cactus. A popular cut flower variety in golden orange
*Helen Durnbaugh. A very pretty fluffy flower, popular as a cut flower, a pale cream white shaded pink
*Islam Patrol. An extra fine new dahlia in a dark velvety scarlet edged with gold. A strong grower
Jean Chazot. A new French variety nasturtium red suffused with gold, a medium sized flower on good stem
Josephine Mendillo. Another of the Jost dahlias we tried out the past summer, very striking in color, a bright rich red, rather narrow in petal, very strong upright grower and profuse bloomer, stems long and straight. Has been very favorably spoken of in the east
Lady Helen. This splendid eastern dahlia has done remarkably well with us, a large beautifully formed flower in carmine rose tipped with cream yellow, nothing finer. We have a remarkably fine stock of field grown stock. \$1.50

*Laurine. A large American cactus form of flower on a long stem, the color is a heliotrope pink, extra fine
*Lolita Velasco. In American cactus class, a first rate flower every way, quite
one of the best whites we grow, a great bloomer with perfect stem and abundant foliage. We have a large stock
*Mariposa. A wonderfully popular variety east and west. The color runs be-
tween a lavender white and pink, a large artistically formed bloom, popu-
lar in our dahlia shows. We are especially fortunate in having a large
stock of the very best\$3.50
*Mme. E. P. De Normandie. A beautiful, tall growing, silver pink50c
Mrs. C. H. Breck. A bright carmine and yellow flower with good stems, used in the cut flower business
*Mrs. Edna Spencer. American cactus, popular as a cut flower, an upright
grower, in color lavender and white
*Mrs. Ethel Smith. Pale primrose of similar habit as Gladys Sherwood75c
Mrs. Leo Niessen. Somewhat similar to C. B. Githens and from the same N. J.
grower, but lighter in color, a medium yellow shading lighter at tips, a
good bloomer with strong stems and exceptional keeping qualities as a
cut flower\$1.50
Mrs. Richard Lohrmann. A splendid bright yellow, very profuse bloomer, a
popular cut flower of good lasting qualities with good stem
*New Moon. A very delightful dahlia because of the splendid contrast of
lemon yellow and white tips. In the past it has been hard to obtain stock giving the white to blooms. Our stock the past season, with very few
exceptions, gave splendid flowers with white tips and it has been carefully
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*Pink Beauty. A strong grower, flowers creamy white shaded with lilac rose. *Queen Zenobia. Our own introduction. We have had a wonderful report from Winnipeg on this variety. A large pansy purple with lavender reverse. Three Certificates of Merit.
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ENGLISH CACTUS DAHLIAS

A. R. Perry. Imported English variety, the color old rose tipped with gold
and shaded in yellow at base
*Ballet Girl. Another Californian that is a conspicuous entry in this class, an incurved variety with a mass of fine petals. The base is orange red and tips white, a very strong grower, flowers large
Bizarre. English incurved cactus, rosy purple at base with white tips, very beautiful and quite a favorite. Its great drawback is the twisty habit of growth
Captain Bairnsfather. A real good English importation, very fine incurving petals, color for the most part shrimp pink shading to yellow at tips, the stems good, a profuse bloomer
Dr. Roy Appleton. Straight petals, a pale yellow shaded pink, with excellent stems
F. W. Fellowes. Considered the finest English cactus dahlia in cultivation, outer petals straight. The color is bright orange scarlet, the stem straight and wiry, a very large flower and a strong grower
Goldwyn. This is a New York gold medal cactus dahlia originated by Mr. Jost, Conn. With us the past season it has come along fine. The color golden amber, growth and stem extra strong, petals fine and long, slightly incurved. It can be grown very large by forcing
Guardian. A splendid English variety in a pleasing color of glowing crimson scarlet. The stem is perfect
Gwendolyn Tucker. An imported pink and white, one of the straight petal kind, a strong grower with perfect stem
Herbert Raby. A large ruby red flower with incurved petals, stems good75c
John Riding. A very large rich red flower on perfectly straight stems50c *Los' Angeles. Our best bright yellow, a California variety, a strong grower with good stem, profuse bloomer, petals quite fine and slightly incurved. We have a very large stock of this splendid dahlia
Mary Purrier. This English variety is always popular, a fine exhibition flower with good stem, in color a rich bright red with incurving petals
Melody. An incurved medium yellow, generally tipped with white50c
Meridian. One we imported from England, a pale primrose yellow with the finest of petals, the flower carried on a straight stem, a strong grower. We now have a large stock of it
Miss Judd. In this English importation we have the finest petals of any, a straw yellow shaded with pale pink, the stem straight. It makes a large bush and is a most profuse bloomer
Mrs. Alfred Harvey. This is one of the finest we imported from Stredwick of England. It is a large flower on a strong straight stem, grows some five feet high for us, the color of flower a bright salmon pink slightly incurved.
Mrs. D. B. Crane. The best white we imported from England. It has straight petals and is a good grower with straight stem
Mrs. Margaret Stedwick. Quite the best incurved form to date, a beautiful clear pink. Stem might be better

Natalie Alsop. A good pink on nice stems, incurved and full
son, has stout straight stems and plenty of foliage
Richard Box. A good medium yellow of the straight petal form, on stiff stems.
St. Leonards. A strong grower with good stem, the color striking, being bright yellow tipped with scarlet
PEONY FLOWERED DAHLIAS
*Chanson. A very large massive flower on stout stems, the color a very dark
lilac with violet sheen
*Compton Quality. A rich velvety red, medium sized flowers on good stems, a very profuse bloomer
Cream King. An English peony of great merit, flowers cream yellow on good stems, an upright grower\$1.00
*Elizabeth Boston. A magnificent flower, quite one of the best, a rich bright red edged with gold, with long straight stem
Geisha. The old Holland variety, bright yellow and red
*Helio. About the best yellow peony we have so far grown, splendid size, color and stem
decorative. It is a large compact flower of chamoise yellow and buff coloring, a very strong grower
*Mrs. Jessie Seal. A large old rose shaded with gold, stems long and stiff, popular as a cut flower
Oregon Sunset. A large massive flower on strong stem, in color rich red and gold, very fine
strong grower with good stems\$1.00

Peg O' My Heart. This Marean variety has been much admired in our gardens the past summer, in color a beautiful bright rose shaded with gold, a tall
grower with very long stems\$2.00
Pink Perfection. Similar to Hort. Fiet in a brighter pink shade, same strong habit of growth\$1.00
Pride of Portland. Quite an improved Geisha in red and bright yellow, a
tall grower with good stem
Shantung. A very large open flower in the Geisha colorings of red and yellow, stems long and straight
Sweetheart's Bouquet. One of the most beautiful dahlias in this class, a bright old rose held on perfect stem
*The Screamer. Another Doolittle sensation. A very large purple flower, full and deep, certainly some of the visitors did scream about it. A strong upright grower and good bloomer
good maroon peony, attractive to visitors at our gardens and at the shows. It comes some where near Meyerbeer, but is a better color and a much better and fuller bloom with more artistic petalage
U. S. A. This ever popular Stillman peony we are now able to offer at a much lower price. The color is an orange salmon, flowers large, and a profuse bloomer
SHOW DAHLIAS
*Anna Rehorst. One of the finest hybrid shows grown, a large rich purple flower held well up
Arthur Lefavor. A fancy in gold, heavily splashed with red, tall grower50c
Black Diamond. A dark black maroon, quite popular50c
*Bonnie Blue. Quite an attractive variety of bluish lilac coloring, stems first class
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Mr. Chamberlain. A large dark maroon, a good exhibition flower	75c
Mrs. Bottomley. With more of a lavender than lilac rose	.50c
Mrs. J. P. Smith. A very large flower of the English type, a perfect balcherry red, one of the best	ll, in
Molalla. Pale yellow with light tip, profuse bloomer	.25c
Slocombe's White. More of a decorative show in a pure white	
Tillamook. A soft cream pink, profuse bloomer	.25c
Tom Jones. A capital English variety, cream yellow tipped with lilac ma a very handsome flower. In our Cup Exhibit	
COLLERETTE DAHLIAS	
Ami Nonin. A fine French variety, old rose with white collar	.35c
Baron Rothschild. A compact red with yellow collar	
Dora Fisher. A very beautiful pink, has more than one row of petals, collar is white	
Esmeralda. A very pretty flower of pale yellow with white collar, slig shaded with pink.	
Geant De Lyon. The finest of all, a large French variety, the color is velvety maroon with white collar\$	
*Gil Blas. A very fine flower in rosy maroon with light tips and a white co	llar.
Herald. A pretty rose pink with white collar	. 50 c
*Hoot Mon. Rosy carmine with white collar	. 5 0c
Mrs. Courage. A new English variety, one of the most beautiful of all co	
ettes. A rich maroon shading to wine color, with a white collar, ma	
a wonderful contrast—conspicuous in our prize collections the past sea	
*Rafael Velasco. Good size, petals rather pointed, deep maroon with w collar	vhite
Scarlet Queen. Imported from Scotland, a vivid red with yellow collar excellent variety	, an
Schwarzatal. A very fine German variety, carmine rose tipped white with white collar\$	and
Souv. Bel Accueil. An orange red variety from France, quite attractive, collar is yellow	the
Swallow. A delightful pure white variety	.35c
Virginia Lee. A pretty flower in maroon and white* William Welch. A pure yellow of good size	. 5 0c
POM PON DAHLIAS	
Adrienne. A splendid bright red on long stems, one of the very best this class	. 75 c
Amber Queen. A lovely shade of golden amber	
Anna Von Schwerin. A new Holland variety, an extra good light pink long stems.	. 75 c
Cheerfulness. Orange suffused red, strong grower	
Clarissa. Primrose yellow, darker center, good form	
*Dandy. Quite one of the best in a new color, bright orange	
Fairy Queen. Popular as a cut flower, yellow, tipped coral	. 5 0c

Ganymede. Pale pink edged with creamy yellow, very fine
Glow. A splendid variety in a coral pink
Golden Queen. Bright yellow
Gretchen Heine. White tipped bright rose, always popular50
Guiding Star. A very beautiful white with serrated petals, giving it a fluff
appearance, quite a favorite for cut flowers
Henrietta. Yellow edged with bright carmine, very fine
Janus. Rich ruby crimson, very fine
*Joe Fette. Good shape in a pure white
Lassie. A very beautiful English pom. It is a glistening wine red with u
shaded a lighter tone of color, extra good
Leader. A well formed pom in pale yellow and tipped with purple50
Madeline. Yellow edged with rosy purple
*Mavis. Violet mauve, new, and a good one
Midget. A fine English variety, old rose edged cream75
Mildred. A lavender pink
Nelly Broomhead. Pale yellow, edged with lilac
Prince Charming. A bright flower on long stems, base white with heavy
purple edging, good every way
Regulus. A bright crimson purple, very fine
Rosea. A pretty shade of bluish lilac
Rosebud. White edged with rosy pink
Winifred. A splendid English light lavender, long stems
*Yellow Gem. Quite the best yellow we have seen, good bright lemon color
splendid form, a great seller
Zoe. Pale yellow tipped with white, very pretty

Testimonials

From Buffalo, N. Y.

Having been a pleased patron in previous years, I am asking if you will accept the enclosed order.

From Spokane, Wash.

I wish to state the bulbs we ordered from you this Spring did splendidly. Was much pleased with them.

From New Straightville, Ohio.

I planted your Double Special and Advance XXX seed this Spring and must say I had some wonderful dahlias.

Am well satisfied with three good ones from seed bought from you last March.

From Matamoras, Pa.

I am writing you to let you know that I had wonderful success with seeds from your gardens this year—bringing forth several extra fine Decoratives, Hybrid Cactus, and Peonies, some measuring from 6 to 9 inches and of solid colorings, any of which would receive a certificate of merit, and points from 90% up.

From Utica, N. Y.

Last Spring I tried the experiment of growing dahlias from seed. Among other sources I had some from you of U. S. A. (our Double Special). I had some wonderful blooms, a few that were exceptional.

From Fort Smith, Ark.

I bought \$5.00 worth of dahlia seed from you and got \$500.00 worth of satisfaction. I have a number of high priced California Dahlias in my collection, but I got some seedlings from your seed that has lots of them beaten a mile.

From Little Silver, N. J.

Extracts from a letter lately received from this grower are as follows, first stating that this locality is the greatest producing center in the east, practically central New Jersey. Well, this party got remarkable results from our seed and is back again for more and if possible better, especially the largest flower possible.

These three are taken from last years catalogue.

Dr. B. S. Bailey, president of the Winnipeg Flower Club, writes us August 25, 1924:

"Re. your dahlia 'Queen Zenobia,' I grow 75 to 100 varieties of the World's Best, and while they are all in bloom, the visitors are unanimous in voting this lady 'Queen of them all'."

Mrs. M. F. Bates, an amateur grower of Duluth, Minn., writes October 18, 1924:

"I wish to tell you how well the dahlia tubers you sent me last spring have done for me.

"First, everyone grew (which I cannot say of other orders I had filled), and all have been such good bloomers.

"I was afraid California stock might not do well in our climate, but I had wonderful success with them."

Mr. C. J. Ingraham, formerly of Louisville, Ky., wrote us before going to his new home in Georgia:

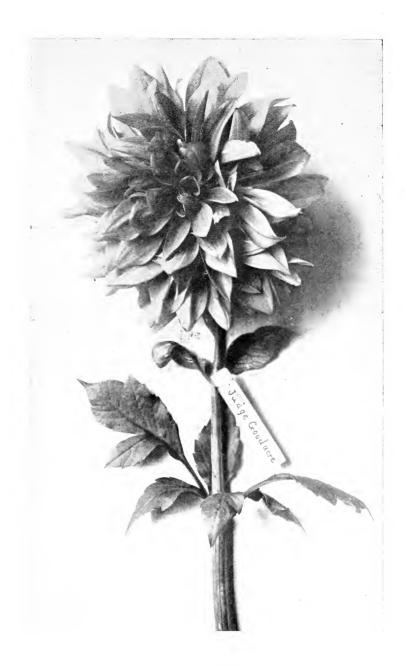
"I have had the best luck with the seed purchased from you I ever had. I entered one seedling at the State Fair and won First Prize in competition with the best growers in this section."

You will see by the foregoing extracts from letters received, the very wide area on this continent they cover.

We are now exporting to Australia, Hawaii, Philipines, England, besides shipping to various pointts in North America.

The past season's weather conditions in the east were not favorable, and have, it is claimed by those competent to judge, created a great shortage of stock and of dahlia seed also. This shortage has to be met by the California growers. Fortunately several of us who grow on a larger scale, are in a position with our very favorable weather conditions, especially in Southern California, to meet a part of this shortage. Of course European importations are out of the question now-a-days.

We wish to advise our patrons to get in their orders early so as to avoid disappointment. We know we shall be sold out early on some varieties in tubers, and also our highest grade of seed.



This bloom of a beautiful apricot and rose decorative was cut on Nov. 27th, 1925, from a tuber planted in August.

The bloom measured seven inches across and had a depth of five inches, after being in bloom a week through light frost and rain, and just growing out in a field row.

This is a good illustration of size, stem, and staying qualities of the seedlings produced from our Advance XXX seed.

In this instance the parent was Ambassador.

DAHLIA SEED

We have achieved a wonderful reputation on the high class dahlia seed we have been sending out the past three years. We are able to print but a few of the glowing tributes received.

Our new pink Seed Order Sheet is something entirely novel in this class of our work and should make the handling of this department much easier than in the past, especially where seed orders and tuber orders were mixed up on the same order sheet.

Some varieties like Kittie Dunlap have failed us entirely, but we have a splendid lot of seed on hand, and will do our best to fill orders as sent in, though we have taken the precaution to ask purchasers to state substitutes.

PLANTING DAHLIA SEED

We sow our seed in rows in "flats" (boxes 18 inches square, 3 inches deep)—the seedman's rule is to plant a seed three times its thickness in sand or soil. We use fine garden soil and plant a quarter of an inch deep, then cut a square of burlap and lay over box and keep fairly moist so that the surface does not dry out. The burlap is removed when the seeds sprout. When the plants are four or five inches high we pot them. We find an ordinary putty-knife an excellent article with which to lift them.

This season we are offering seed in three grades, the best we believe it is possible to procure. We have made a close study of this matter the past three years and we find it an expensive article to produce. It is all hand picked.

ADVANCE XXX

This is the highest grade of seed we send out, and justly has earned the reputation we print in gold on each package. This is by far our best seller.

Name of parent on each package as furnished on pink order sheet.

Twelve Seeds for 50 Cents.

DOUBLE SPECIAL

Seed in this group has given splendid satisfaction the past three years, having produced some wonderful seedlings. The U.S. A. seed is still one of the strong leaders in this class.

Twenty-five Seeds for 50 Cents.

SPECIAL SELECTED

This is our regular high grade mixed seed. No seed is gathered from inferior varieties. We have sold a very large quantity of this grade the past three seasons, and it has given splendid satisfaction.

One Hundred Seed for \$1.00.

We can also furnish the following:

Mixed Show Dahlias100	Seed	for	\$1.00
Mixed Collarettes100	Seed	for	\$1.00
Mixed Pom Pons100	\mathbf{Seed}	for	\$1.00

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

Dahlia seed do not come true to the color of bearing parent. The seed from the same bloom throw a variety of colors and flowers of various forms. Evidently this matter is not fully understood by letters we have received from parties not familiar with the subject.

PAYMENTS AND GUARANTEE

Tubers sent out are carefully selected and packed, guaranteed true to name and in good growing condition. Should any prove otherwise or there be any error on our part, we will cheerfully replace them.

We make no substitution for variety ordered without permission of purchaser.

We prepay all charges on orders amounting to \$1.00 or more, retail trade; on orders under one dollar a charge of ten cents is made to cover postage and packing.

On wholesale orders purchaser pays postage or express as is customary. We are in splendid shape this season to handle the wholesale end of the business.

Make money orders payable and send all orders to

ADVANCE DAHLIA FARM

Box 1398, Compton, Los Angeles County, California

Our Farm is on 161st Street, East Gardena, just south of Los Angeles and east of Harbor Boulevard three-fourths of a mile.

Charles Edward Seaman, Owner. A. G. Goodacre, Manager.

Note. D. stands for Decorative Class; C. Cactus; H. C. Hybrid Cactus; P. Peony type; S. Show; H. S. Hybrid Show; Col. Collarette, and Pom. for Pom. Pon.

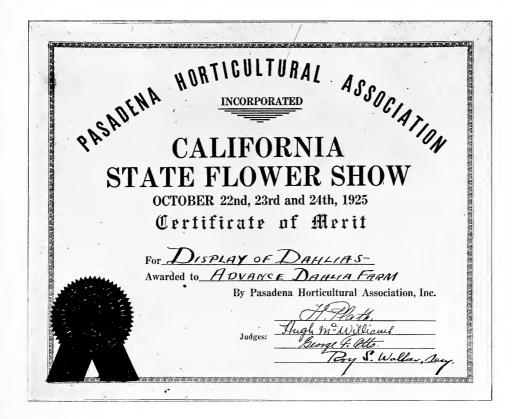
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Adrienne. Pom. bright red\$.75	El Rubio. H.C. crimson, cream 1.5	50
Alex. Waldie. D. cream pink 1.00	Elizabeth Boston. P. red and gold 2.5	50
Al Koran. D. golden yellow 2.50	Elsie Oliver. H.C. cream pink 2.5	50
Amber Queen. Pom. golden amber .50	Emily Renwick. D. rich rose	75
Ami Nonin. Col. rose, white col35		50
Amun Ra. D. copper red 1.50	Equilibrium. D. rosy maroon	75
Anna Rehorst. H.S. purple	·	50
Anna Von Schwerin. Pom. pink75	Evelyn Dane. H.C. cream pink 1.0	00
A. R. Perry. C. rose and gold		50
Arthur Lefavor. S. red and yellow50		
Arthur Twitchett. H.C. white, pink 1.50		50
Augusta R. Johnson. D. apricot 1.00	Frances Seaman. D. silver pink 7.1	
	F. W. Fellowes. C. bright orange	75
Ballet Girl. C. orange and white 1.50	Ganymede. Pom. cream pink	75
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Barranca. D. yellow	Geisha. P. red and yellow 1.0	00
Bertha Horne. H.C. yellow, bronze50		75
Bertha Jost. D. burnt orange, pink 5.00	-	75
Bizarre. C. purple, white tip		50
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California Beauty. H.C. copper75		50
California Superba. D. light pink 3.50	Golden Gardena. D. golden orange 5.0	
Captain Bairnsfather. C. pink		75
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Champagne. D. copper buff 3.50	Goldwyn. C. amber gold	
Charm. D. burnt orange 1.00		75
Chanson. P. deep lilac 1.00	-	75
Cheerfulness. Pom. gold and red50	5	50
Cigarette. D. orange and white 1.50		50
Claret Cup. S. velvety maroon50		75
Clarissa. Pom. primrose yellow50	3	50
Clarissa Blanco. P.D. wine color 3.50	Gwendolyn Tucker. C. pink	50
Compton Quality. P. rich red	Halloween. D. buff bronze	50
Countess Torby. Col. red, yellow50	Halvella. D. rose pink 2.0	
Cream King. P. yellow		75
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Daddy Butler. H.C. rosy carmine. 2.00	Helio. P. bright yellow 1.6	
Dandy. Pom. orange		50
Daniel Cornish. C. deep red	<u> </u>	50
David Warfield. D. brownish red75	•	75
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Dolores. D. golden orange	Hoot Mon. Col. maroon, white col	
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Dr. Roy Appleton. C. pink, yellow50	Isabel Street. D. yellow and carmine 1.	
Dr. Tevis. D. rose and gold	Islam Patrol. H.C. scarlet and gold 3.	
Duchess De Vendome. D. white50	and gold of	
	Jack London. D. bright red 1.	00
Eastwego. D. old gold 5.00	Janus. Pom. ruby crimson	50
El Dorado. D. old gold 7.50	Jean Chazot. H.C. red and yellow 1.	00
El Granada H.C. orange red 10.00	Ion Fotto Pom white	50

John Riding. C. crimson		Mrs. I. de Warner. D. rosy lilac	
John Walker. S. white		Mrs. H. Blackman. C. lavender	
Josephine Mendillo. H.C. red	2.00	Mrs. Jessie Seal. P. old rose	
Judge Marean. D. yellow, rose		Mrs. J. P. Smith. S. cherry red	
J. W. Davies. D. purplish rose	2.50	Mrs. Leo Niessen. H.C. yellow	
King of Shows. H.S. rich gold	.75	Mrs. Marg. Stredwick. C. pink	
Kittie Dunlap. old rose		Mrs. O. D. Baldwin. D. old rose	
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La Mascotte. D. white and purple		Mrs. R. Lohrman. H.C. yellow	.75
Laddie. D. yellow and rose	.75	Molalla, S. yellow	
Lady Betty. D. cream and rose		Myra Valentine. D. bronze salmon	3.50
Lady Helen. H.C. carmine and cream		Natalie Alsop. C. bright pink	.75
Lassie. Pom. wine red	.75	Native Son. D. golden apricot	
Laurine. H.C. heliotrope pink		Nazareno. D. lilac purple	
Leader. Pom. yellow tipped purple	.50	Nelly Broomhead. Pom. yellow and	
Le Grande Manitou. D. lilac, purple	.50	lilac	
Les Amours de Madame. S. pink		New Moon. H.C. yellow, white tip	1.00
Le Toreador. D. crimson		Nibelungenhort. H.C. old rose	.50
Liberty Bond. D. buff and rose		None-So-Fair. P. orchid pink Norman. C. brilliant rich red	.75
Lolita Velasco. H.C. white		Northwego. D. golden apricot	5.00
Los Angeles. C. bright yellow	.75		
Madeline. Pom. yellow, lilac	.50	Old Rose. D.S. rose heliotrope	.50
Maid of Watts. D.P. buff yellow	.35	Oregon Sunset. P. gold and rich red Osam Shadow. D. rose	
Marcella Gill. D. pale pink	.50		
Mariposa. H.C. pink shaded lav	3.50	Pahaska. H.C. apricot fawn	
Maritana. S. lilac	1.00	Paul Michael. D. rich gold	1.50
Mary Jean Warner. P. golden yellow	.75	Pearl Ruggles. P. carmine, white	
Mary Pickford. S. cream pink	.50	Peg O' My Heart. P. rose	2.00
Mary Purrier. C. bright rich red	.50	Pennant. C. coral	.50
Maude Adams. S. white, pale pink	.35	Pink Beauty. H.C. lilac and white	.75
Mavis. Pom. lilac	.50	Pink Madonna. D. rose	.50
May Blumer. D. lilac rose	5.00	Pink Perfection. P. salmon pink	
Melody. C. yellow, white tip	.50	Pink Triumphant. D. pink	3.50
Mephistopheles. D. ruby red		Pride of San Francisco. pink	2.50
Meridian. C. pale yellow	.50	Pride of Portland. P. red and gold	.50
Meyerbeer. P. crimson purple	.50	Prince Charming. Pom. white and	
Midget. Pom. bright rose	.75	purple	.50
Mildred. Pom. lavender pink	.50	Prince Imperial. D. purple	
Millie Rodgers. D. golden amber	.50	Princess Mary. D. bright pink	.50
Millionaire. D. lavender	.50	Princess Pat. D. rose and buff	.75
Miss Judd. C. straw yellow and pink	.75	Purple Manitou. D. purple	.50
Miss Worn. D. old rose		Queen Zenobia. H.C. purple	1.50
Mme. De Normandie. H.C. pink		Raphael Velasco. Col. red, white col.	.75
Moon Glow. D. primrose, lilac		Regulus. Pom. crimson purple	
Mr. Chamberlain. S. dark maroon		Regent. C. mauve pink	
Mr. Crowley. D. rose and gold		Richard Box. C. yellow	.50
Mrs. Alfred Harvey. C. salmon pink		Rising Beauty. H.C. red and gold	
Mrs. Bottomley. S. lilac rose	.50	Rookwood. D. cerise rose	
Mrs. Carl Salbach. D. mauve pink	.50	Rosa Nell. D. bright rose	.75
Mrs. C. H. Breck. H.C. carmine	.50	Rosea. Pom. lilac	.35
Mrs. Courage. Col. purple maroon, white	1.00	Rosebud. Pom. rose and white	.50
Mrs. D. B. Crane. C. white		Royal Gold. D. bright golden yellow	.50
Mrs. Edna Spencer. H.C. lavender			
Mrs. Ethel Smith. H.C. primrose		Scarlet Queen. Col. scarlet	.75
		Schwarzatal. Col. rose, white	1.00
Mrs. E. L. Lindsay. D. red and gold		Scottish Chief. D. amber, white	.50
Mrs. F. C. Burns. D. cream pink		Shantung. P. red and gold	.75
Mrs. Frank Lansdale. C. pink	1.00	Shelikoff. D. rich red	1.00
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Sunny South. H.C. yellow 5.00	Westwego. D. fawn ar
Sunshine. D. scarlet and gold75	Winifred. Pom. laven
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Tryphinnie. D. pink, pale yellow	1.00
U. S. A. (P.) salmon orange	1.00
Venus. D. pale lavender white Vicar of Wasperton. C. cream pink Virginia Lee. Col. rose	.75
Vivian Butler. D. dark rich maroon	
Vivandiere. P. cerise carmine	
Washington City. H.C. white	.50
W. E. Cooper. D. bright pink	.2.50
Westwego. D. fawn and rose	5.00
Winifred. Pom. lavender	.50
Wizard of Oz. D. rose	5.00
Wm. Welch. Col. yellow	.50
Yellow Gem. Pom. bright yellow	.75
Ysleta. D. copper rose	.75
Zoe. Pom. yellow, white	.35



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